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For : SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGING MAIL AMONG MEMBERS  
BELONGING TO A GROUP

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/169855 to MAEHIRO, which was  
published on November 14, 2002; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-38858, which was published on  
February 12, 2003 together with its English language patent family member European  
Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 078 667, which was published on February 28,  
2001.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the  
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent application

publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

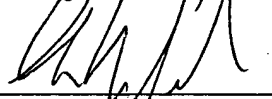
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement, including payment of any fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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